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1 The states parties reaffirm their conviction that nuclear weapon free zones are important disarmament measures which enhance regional and global peace and security, greatly strengthen the international non-proliferation regime in all its aspects and contribute to the objective of securing a world entirely free of nuclear weapons **[unchanged]**.

2 The states parties welcome the conclusion since 1995 of two further nuclear weapon free zone treaties (the treaties of Pelindaba and Bangkok).**[delete reference to recent EIF of the latter]**

3 The states parties reaffirm the importance of the cooperation of all the nuclear weapon states and their support for the relevant protocols to the treaties. In this context they welcome the signature by all nuclear weapon states of the Protocols to the Treaty of Rarotonga **and the fact that the Protocols have now been ratified by four nuclear weapon states. The states parties look forward to the timely ratification of those Protocols by the fifth nuclear weapon state.**

4 The states parties welcome the consultation which is currently underway between the nuclear weapon states and the South East Asian states in relation to the Protocols to the Treaty of Bangkok and urge those states to make every effort to resolve the remaining differences in order to facilitate adherence to the Protocols. **[unchanged]**

Note: New language in bold

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5 The states parties welcome the intention of states parties and signatories to the treaties of Tlatelolco, Rarotonga, Bangkok and Pelindaba to promote the common goals envisaged in those treaties, and to explore and implement further ways and means of cooperation. [unchanged]

6 The states parties support the initiatives being taken by states parties and signatories to the treaties of Tlatelolco, Rarotonga, Bangkok and Pelindaba to explore and implement further ways and means of cooperation, in order to promote the common goals of those treaties.